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Front Cover: John Lee, KEEL Talk Radio AM 710 announcer, interviews Master Sgt. Don Copeland, 917th Wing reserve recruiter, and Ed Hamill, pilot, about Hamill's participation in the Barksdale Air Show on May 10-11. See page 4 for more information (Photo by Master Sgt. Jessica D'Aurizio).

From the Top

Farewell...

Time flies when you're having fun. How true that statement is. I have known this day was coming for some time, and now it is finally here. My last day in the Reserve is June 30. I suppose the speed at which this day arrived is partially a function of age. At 52, life seems to be moving faster and faster. But some of that speed is simply the fact that life is a busy adventure. And it is getting busier. The old adage about death and taxes being the only certain things in life needs to be modified.

One observation of my 30 years in the service is that change is a true constant. When I was a young lieutenant at navigator training, I learned dead reckoning procedures in a piston-driven aircraft. Needless to say, that airplane and several others I have flown are gone. The changes in the Air Force that have occurred over the last 30 years are too numerous to mention.

I have had a great boss for the last few years. One of the many lessons Brig. Gen. Ihle taught me is to keep it short. As I reflected on the last 30 years, I realized there was absolutely no way to adequately express my thanks to everyone even if I wrote a book. So I will follow the boss's advice and keep it short and simple.

All of you have my most sincere thanks for all the great work you have done and continue to do for our country, Air Force Reserve Command and the 917th Wing. For the excellent rating on our recent Standardization and Evaluation Inspection, the great job on the Unit Compliance Inspection, the fantastic efforts and results of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, our many past inspections, deployments,



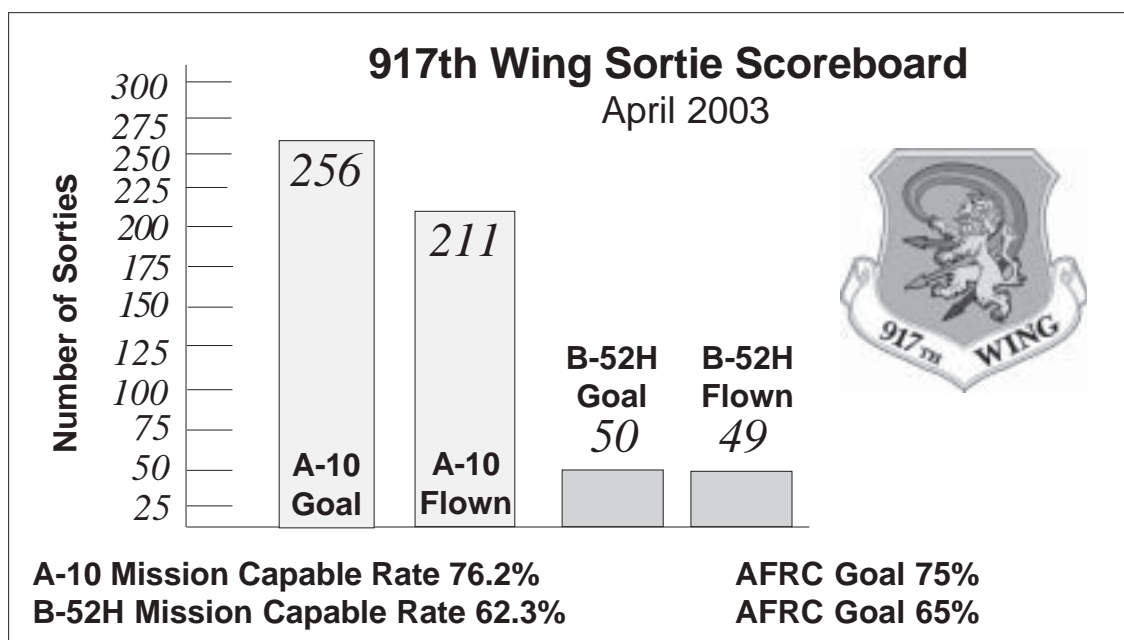
Col. Bruce Kintner
917th Wing Deputy Commander

accomplishments and all the folks who made it all happen, I am most humbly appreciative. You all are simply the best, and it has been a great pleasure and honor to serve with you. For your efforts, accomplishments and sacrifices, I thank you and wish you the very best life has to offer. Remember to stop and smell the roses along the way. The journey will come to an end all too soon. May God richly bless you in all your endeavors.

Thanks and best wishes,
Col. K.

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PHOTOS BY STAFF SGT. SHERRI SAVANT

Above: Tech. Sgt. James Pierce, 917th Maintenance Squadron aerospace ground equipment mechanic, drains fuel out of a fuel filter in order to change it on a TF-1D light cart. Right: Pierce receives training on how to operate a fire hose.



Reservist lends helping hand

AGE mechanic fights fires in local rural community

This article is part one of a three-part series on volunteerism.

**By Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant
Wing Public Affairs**

He is awakened in the middle of the night by a call for help over the radio. A fire is raging, and the men and women of the community need his help. Without hesitation, he heeds the call and is on scene within minutes, fighting a blaze that could threaten the life of a neighbor or friend.

From house fires to simple grass fires, James Pierce, a technical sergeant and mechanic in the Aerospace Ground Equipment shop, battles them all.

After moving to Stonewall, La., earlier this year, Pierce and his wife of three years, Belinda, joined the all-volunteer firefighting team in DeSoto Parish, District 3.

"I saw the need to help my fellow neighbors in this rural area," Pierce said. "It's not like Bossier, where fireman can get to you within a couple of minutes. When a call comes in, you never know who or how many...will respond."

Responding quickly to a call nearly ten miles from the nearest fire station can be challenging, according to DeSoto Parish, District 3 Fire Chief David Jenkins. He said having Pierce, who lives in that area, volunteer as a firefighter is a God send.

"He (Pierce) is able to get to a fire near his house ten minutes before we can get there from here," Jenkins said. "He's on the radio letting us know what gear we need, if we need to bring a helicopter, and how many personnel we may need to fight the fire."

The Desert Storm veteran serves in other capacities in addition to his job here at the 917th Wing and as a firefighter. He is active in his church, where he serves as chairman of the missions program. He and his wife are also members of the Commemorative Air Force in Marshall, Texas.

"I enjoy helping others," said Pierce. "If I can assist someone in need and walk away knowing I have done some good...it's all worthwhile."

It's anyone's guess when the next call for help may come in, or who may be in need, but Pierce said he's always ready to do what he can.



Pierce suits up in his bunker gear.

Prostate cancer: *Disease manageable, curable if detected early*

By Master Sgt. Michael Mazerat
917th Medical Squadron

Prostate Cancer is the most common cancer in U.S. men. About 200,000 men are diagnosed each year and almost 30,000 men will die from the disease this year. A man's lifetime risk of prostate cancer is about one in six. For many men diagnosed with this very common and slow-growing form of cancer, the news is encouraging: It is often highly responsive to treatment — especially if caught at an early stage — and the effects of treatment are frequently manageable.

Description

Prostate cancer develops within the prostate gland, a small chestnut-shaped gland surrounding the beginning of the urethra, or urinary canal. Your condition may be detected during the course of a digital rectal exam by your doctor — which is done to discover any abnormal lumps in the prostate — or through a blood test called the PSA, prostate specific antigen.

This type of cancer occurs most often in men over age 50, and more frequently in black men than white men. Men with a family history of prostate cancer are also more likely to develop the disease. The cause of prostate cancer is unknown, although medical research suggests a combination of hormonal and inherited factors and perhaps dietary and environmental causes.

Symptoms

Prostate cancer usually causes no symptoms early in its course and is frequently detected before any symptoms develop. When symptoms do occur, they often begin with a slowing or weakening of the urinary stream, a need to urinate more often,

blood in the urine, swollen lymph nodes in the groin area, impotence, and/or pain in the pelvis, spine, hips or ribs.

Treatment

There are several types of treatment for prostate cancer. The good news is, if the cancer is detected early before it spreads, the chance of successful treatment is excellent. Today's highly effective treatments for prostate cancer include surgery to remove the prostate, radiation, various medications that slow the growth of cancer cells, and sometimes chemotherapy. Your doctor will select the most effective treatment for you.

Because prostate cancer typically grows so slowly, for some men — particularly those who are older or who have other medical problems — the "treatment" of choice is simply what doctors call "watching and waiting." In order for this approach to remain safe, however, regular medical exams are essential to make sure that the tumor hasn't begun to grow more rapidly.

Reserve members have an annual examination from their private doctor for the most accurate medical care.

Sources for additional information:

The National Institute on Aging Information Center

<http://www.nih.gov/nia/health>.

National Kidney and Urologic Diseases Information Clearinghouse

<http://www.niddk.nih.gov/health/kidney/nkudic.htm>.

Living the dream

Air show entertainer and Air Force reservist Ed Hamill, poses next to his biplane, the Dream Machine. The F-16 instructor pilot began his inaugural season promoting the Air Force Reserve Command Recruiting Service at the Barksdale Air Show. Hamill's "Living the Dream" message invites young men and women interested in aviation to live their dreams as he has done (Photo by Master Sgt. Jessica D'Aurizio).



Wing mechanic gets rich quick



COURTESY PHOTO

Todd Newton, Powerball Instant Millionaire Game host, looks on as Watson celebrates his moment of victory with his wife, Christa, immediately after winning \$1 million.

**By Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant
Wing Public Affairs**

The dream runs through everyone's mind at one time or another...to instantly win the "big one," pay off all their bills, and take their job and shove it. Very few see this dream come true.

For the 917th Wing's own Tech. Sgt. John Watson, a jet engine mechanic with the Wing since 1991, becoming a millionaire took picking the letter "B" in the final stage of the game.

A purchase of a Powerball Instant Millionaire Scratch-Off ticket right here in Bossier City would seal his fate. Watson filled out the back of it and sent it into the Louisiana Lottery. Two weeks later, he received the call.

"I walked in the door that Wednesday, and my wife told me I needed to call the Louisiana Lottery," Watson said.

"I knew he was going to win," said Christa, Watson's wife of nine years. "We ate at Denny's the morning of the game...this would be our last meal together before he became a millionaire."

Watson said he didn't share Christa's degree of confidence. "She said from day one that I was going to win \$1 million," he said, "but I didn't get my hopes up." It took Watson only 45 minutes to win over \$1 million.

"I was in shock," said Watson, "but everyone said I looked pretty calm. I never thought it was possible."

"It couldn't have happened to a nicer guy," said friend and co-worker Tech. Sgt. Steve Fidler. "He's the same guy he was before...he hasn't changed a bit."

Watson remains employed at the jet engine shop, although he quit a second job he had for the last nine years. Christa, now a stay-at-home mom, plans to complete her master's degree.

The couple plan to build their dream home, pay off their bills, and set aside enough money to pay for a college education for their three children, Kristen, 14, Kollin, 7, and Karter, 3. Beyond that, they say life will go on as before, shopping clearance racks, "pink prices only."

Surviving summer with safety in mind

**By Maj. Frank Stepongzi
Wing Safety**

Summertime is rapidly approaching, affording us the opportunity to enjoy a variety of outdoor activities. I know you're probably thinking that this is just another "be safe, don't do anything stupid" article, and in some ways you're right. However, even with annual reminders, members of our Wing manage to find ways to hurt themselves.

Before starting any activity, take the time to check your equipment to make sure it is working properly. Even a gas barbeque grill can be a hazard. One member of our unit could have benefited from inspecting a gas line to his barbeque pit prior to using it. Instead, his barbeque was quickly inter-

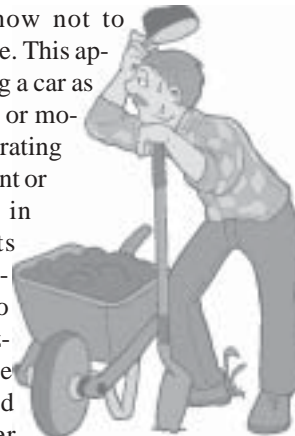
rupted when the gas line caught on fire and detonated the propane bottle. Fortunately, no one was hurt in this mishap.

The warm weather and summertime thunderstorms are prime ingredients to make our lawns grow. Lawnmowers and edgers are extremely dangerous when you operate them haphazardly. Proper clothing and eye protection will protect you from flying debris. And whatever you do, don't remove or bypass any of the installed safety devices.

Even a seemingly harmless activity like going to the pool can be risky. Never swim alone, and always watch out for your buddy. Using sunscreen while performing any outdoor activity will help prevent getting sunburned.

We all know not to drink and drive. This applies to driving a car as well as a boat or motorcycle. Operating lawn equipment or participating in water sports while intoxicated is also extremely hazardous. Save that ice cold beer for after you have finished with the lawn work.

I encourage everyone to have fun this summer in the great outdoors. Always think about what you are doing and do it safely.



Coming home: Wing from



Allison and Andrew Ringle, children of Maj. Al Ringle, 93rd Bomb Squadron B-52 instructor radar navigator, wait for their father to gather his luggage upon his return from a forward operating area. (Photo by Master Sgt. Jessica D'Aurizio)



Jacob Hill, son of Lt. Col. Leo Hill, 917th Bomb Squadron B-52 instructor radar navigator, waits for his father's return on Easter Sunday. (Photo by Master Sgt. Jessica D'Aurizio)



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7th Operations Support Flight B-52 radar navigator, awaits his
photo by Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant)



Tech. Sgt. Ben Hudman, 917th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron weapons loader, holds his baby girl, Kathryn, while his wife, Denea, looks on. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant)



Left: Tech. Sgt. Michael McDonald, 917 AMXS weapons loader, hugs his wife, Toni. (Photo by Master Sgt. Jessica D'Aurizio) Right: Capt. Benjamin Bowman, 93 BS B-52 pilot, (pictured with son, Tripp), speaks with Art Nero of Channel 6. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant)



Airline company offers special fares

US Airways recently introduced "Salute Savings," a discount program for reservists and their immediate families, with special fares as low as \$79 each way, based on round-trip purchase. These rates are available through government-contracted commercial travel offices throughout the United States. Fares are valid for tickets purchased through Dec. 31, 2003 for travel completed by Feb. 12, 2004.

Under the "Salute Savings" program, fares must be purchased round-trip and are available for travel originating in the U.S. to destinations across the US Airways system, including Europe, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean. For information on these fares, military personnel should contact Alamo Travel at 456-4575.

Develop leadership skills through LDP

For staff or technical sergeants who have not completed Leadership Development Program courses, the opportunity has come! Dates for the upcoming class are as follows: July 23-27 (Phase I) and July 30-Aug. 3 (Phase II). Those interested in attending should contact their unit training manager. Call Master Sgt. Pat Roberson, Wing Education and Training, at 456-8066 for more information.

Activated reservists get in free

Anheuser-Busch recently announced it will give free single-day admission to its SeaWorld, Busch Gardens and Sesame Place parks to all Air Force reservists and as many as four of their direct dependents. This one-time, one-day only offer begins May 23 and concludes on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. Offer is good at Busch Gardens in Tampa Bay, Fla., and Williamsburg, Va., SeaWorld in Orlando, Fla., San Diego and San Antonio, and Sesame Place in Langhorne, Pa.

For more information, go to either the SeaWorld, Busch Gardens or Sesame Place Web sites: <http://www.SeaWorld.com>, <http://www.BuschGardens.com>, or <http://www.SesamePlace.com>.

Family Care Plan to be documented

Single parents, dual military couples with family members and members with civilian spouses who have unique family situations, as determined by their commander or first sergeant, must complete an Air Force Form 357, Family Care Certification.

This form provides the Wing with the name(s) of who would provide child care for children of the members listed in the above paragraph, should they be activated or deployed. Contact your first sergeant for more information.

Females must provide proof

Female personnel must provide documentation and report of a pelvic examination, Pap smear and breast examination (current within six months) at the time of their periodic physical examination. They also have the option to have 917th Medical Squadron personnel perform these exams during their scheduled physical.

When a female member fails to meet such requirements, the 917 MDS will immediately notify her commander in writing and document the failure to comply in her medical record. An Air Force Form 422, stating "failure to complete physical exam," will be sent to the member's commander, disqualifying her from deployment and no-pay or gaining point activities until medical requirements are met. Contact Master Sgt. Michael Mazerat, 917 MDS, at 456-1389 for more information.

Ceremony for SNCOs to be held

The Third Annual Senior Noncommissioned Officer Induction Ceremony will be held on July 18 in Hoban Hall in honor of all those promoted to master sergeant between August 1, 2002, and July 1, 2003. Guest speaker will be Chief Master Sgt. Jack Skaggs, 917th Wing command chief. Cocktails will begin at 6 pm., with dinner to be served at 7 p.m. Cost of tickets is \$17 per person. Uniform is mess dress or semi-formal and appropriate civilian attire for non-military guests. All promotees and their families are urged to attend.

Volunteers are needed to help with the ceremony. Contact Master Sgt. Tamara Stephens, 917th Wing career assistance advisor, at 456-1003 for more information.

Stop Loss lifted for 51 AFSCs

As of May 14, the following Air Force Specialty Codes have been released from Stop Loss:

11BX	12RX	44EX	46SA	3E000	3H0X1
11EX	12TX	44MX	48GX	3E0X2	3N0XX
11FX	13BX	45AX	48RX	3E4X1	4A1XX
11HX	13DXA	45BX	51JX	3E4X2	4A2XX
11KX	13DXB	45SX	1C2XX	3E5X1	4B0XX
12BX	32EX	46FX	1C4XX	3E7X1	4E0XX
12EX	43EX	46MX	1S0XX	3E8X1	4H0XX
12FX	43HX	46NXE	1T1XX	3E9X1	5J0X1
12KX	43TX	46SX			

This applies to all enlisted grades and officers in the grade of colonel and below. Deployed reservists whose AFSCs are released from Stop-Loss will not be allowed to retire or separate until their deployment is completed.

In memory

The 917th Wing mourns the loss of Staff Sgt. Zachary Barefield, who passed away on May 3. He was a senior at the University of Louisiana at Monroe, majoring in Psychology.

Barefield served as a security policeman with the 917th Security Forces Squadron for six years. He was activated and deployed to Incirlik, Turkey, during Operation Enduring Freedom.

"I was fortunate to go on many deployments with him," said Tech. Sgt. Bradley Grimmer, 917 SFS security policeman. "We had many conversations about everything from music to psychological behavior, something he studied in school. He was a very deep person with a brilliant mind, and he will be missed."

"He was the kind of troop who when asked to do something, would get it done and done right," said Tech. Sgt. Charles Parker, 917 SFS security policeman. "As a friend, he was the best kind, loyal and fun to be around. I am better for having known Barefield, and neither this unit, nor I, will ever forget him."



Barefield

Direction: *Knowing where you are and where you want to be*

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Don Eubanks
Wing Chaplains Office

A traveler had the distinct feeling he was lost. He stopped in a village and asked for help. "Friend," he said, "I need help. I'm lost."

The old villager looked at him a moment and then said, "Do you know where you are?"

"Yes, I know where I am. I saw the name of the village on the sign as I entered."

"Good," said the old villager. Then the old villager asked another question. "Do you know where you want to be?"

The traveler, replied that he did and named his destination.

"So you know where you are and you know where you want to be," said the villager. The traveler just nodded his head.

Then the old villager said a profound thing. "My friend, if you know where you are and you know where you want to be, then you ain't lost. All you need is directions!"

We all know that, don't we? The question is, From whom or where are we seeking direction?

Commandments for leaders

Thou shalt accept thy place of service, believing that God and country need you where you are.

Thou shalt do thy very best—not thy second best.

Thou shalt seek to learn thy job and understand what it involves.

Thou shalt be faithful in serving God and country.

Thou shalt study God's Word and spend time in prayer daily.

God bless us as we promote freedom, peace and justice for all.



Air Force launches massive campaign to thank parents of airmen

The Air Force Parent Pin program encourages airmen to register on a secure Air Force Web site: <http://www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com>, to provide the names and addresses of up to two parents (or parental figures). Shortly thereafter, the airmen's parents will receive personalized letters from Secretary of the Air Force James Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper containing high-quality lapel pins displaying the letter "P" cradled in the Air Force symbol.

917th Wing Salutes

PROMOTIONS

To Major:

Chris Evers, 917 MOS

To Senior Master Sergeant:

Thomas Templin, 917 LRS

Martin Wright, 917 CES

To Master Sergeant:

Christopher Arceneaux, 307 RHS

Willie Daniels, 307 RHS

Amanda Dupas, 307 RHS

Cary Johnson, 917 MDS

Ronald Lane, 917 CES

Jeff Robinson, 917 AMXS

Kenneth Taylor, 917 CES

Richelle Walter, 917 OG

Hershel Young, 917 MOS

To Technical Sergeant:

Preston Bryan, 917 AMXS

Charles Burley, 917 AMXS

James Cash, 917 AMXS

Justin Curl, 917 SFS

Dannie Davis Jr., 917 CES

Eric Farquhar, 917 CES

Jerry Hardel, 93 BS

Love Majors Jr., 917 CES

To Staff Sergeant:

David Allen, 47 FS

James Dean, 307 RHS

Heath Knefely, 917 MXS

Paul McCurdy, 917 MXS

Michael Nemeth, 917 SFS

Jean Sherred, 917 AMXS

Susan Thomas, 917 LRS

Brian Tyler, 917 SFS

To Senior Airman:

Tammy Adams, 307 RHS

Ronald Debello, 917 CF

Matthew Hammett, 717 AMXS

April Haymon, 917 MDS

Randy Morrow, 917 MXS

Gabriel Sardinias, 917 AMXS

Sterling Smith, 917 CF

Kemiko Vallien, 917 MSS

Jermaine Way, 93 BS

Clote White, 917 MDS

To Airman 1st Class:

Sherria Birdow, 917 LRS

Michael Burleson, 917 SFS

Jennifer Coker, 917 MDS

Carlton Harp IV, 917 CES

Kimberly Porras, 917 WG

To Airman:

Deandra Bowman, 917 SFS

Kenneth Williams, 917 AMXS

NEWCOMERS

307 RHS

Senior Airman Carstavis Barrett, Many, La.

Staff Sgt. Ronald Noble, Natchez, Miss.

93 BS

Staff Sgt. Andrew Baird, Henderson, Nev.

Capt. Anthony Fyke, Shreveport, La.

Staff Sgt. Lance Orr, Pasadena, Texas

717 AMXS

Staff Sgt. Larry Kemper Jr., Haughton, La.

917 CES

Senior Airman Paul Argogast, Bossier City, La.

Master Sgt. Jess Richardson, Longview, Texas

917 LRS

Staff Sgt. Michele Collison, Longview, Texas

Airman 1st Class Trevor Phillips, Whitehouse, Texas

917 MDS

Lt. Col. Sharon Davis, Gladewater, Texas

Tech. Sgt. Byron Hardy, Shreveport, La.

Airman 1st Class Yeimi Ortiz-Rodriguez, Kerens, Texas

Senior Airman Travoski Powell, Nacogdoches, Texas

Senior Airman Wilfred Stewart, Fort Polk, La.

Senior Airman Jason Vickers, Texarkana, Texas

917 MOS

Senior Airman Chris Graham, Nacogdoches, Texas

917 MXS

Senior Airman Travis Scott, Bossier City, La.

Senior Airman Ray Traylor, Mansfield, Ark.

RETIREMENTS

Lt. Col. Steve McCutcheon, 307 RHS

Chief Master Sgt. Bill Morgan, 917 MXS

Lt. Col. Bob Timm, 917 LRS

Wing says “Thank you” to local community

**By Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant
Wing Public Affairs**

In any conflict, the military’s success often lies with the ability of the troops to do an impeccable job while in not so calm locations. To know they have the support of so many at home encourages and enables them to do just that.

In the past year and a half since the horrifying attacks on America, Wing members have been activated and deployed on several occasions in support of the war on terrorism. Although many have returned home, others remain in-place indefinitely.

“As the fight against terrorism continues, we at the 917th Wing want to thank everyone here in Shreveport-Bossier and in the surrounding area for the overwhelming support you have given to our troops and their families,” said Chief Master Sgt. Jack Skaggs, 917th Wing command chief.

“Events like the United We Stand rally brought out thousands of leaders and members of the local community to show their support of the military. To us, this means everything.” he said.

Countless donations in support of various Wing functions have come in from all around the area. Phone calls from people who simply want to know how they can help let us know we are right on target. The small bouquet of flowers suspended on the railing at the Barksdale Main Gate with a simple note of “Thanks” says it all.

The mission continues as we, with your support, continue to fight for America’s future.

Tech. Sgts. Charles Parker and Mark Traynham, 917th Security Forces Squadron security policemen, unload supplies donated to deployed troops and their families by Theresa Grego and the Our Lady of Lourdes Brownie Troop 926 in Slidell, La. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant)



Voices: While your spouse was deployed, was there an area in which you felt you could have received more support?



**Danny, husband of Master Sgt. Stephanie Fischer
917th Maintenance Operations Squadron**

“I didn’t receive a courtesy call on when she was coming home. Everything I heard was by word of mouth.”



**Mary, wife of Maj. Bob Nordberg
93rd Bomb Squadron**

“No. Everyone at the Wing was wonderful to me. If I had needed anything, I would have known where to get help.”



**Zina, wife of Tech. Sgt. Marion Hills
917th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron**

“I got calls weekly and received valuable information I could use on getting auto insurance.”



**Karla, wife of Capt. Benjamin Bowman
93rd Bomb Squadron**

“No, but it was really nice to know I had somebody to help if I needed them.”

917th Wing Training Schedule

June 7-8, 2003

Time	Event	Location
Saturday		
0630-0700	Sign-in	Assigned unit
0700	Wing staff meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
0700	Intro -- all newcomers	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0700	Physical exam (flyers)	Base hospital (lobby)
0730	Detailed physical exam (non-flyers)	Base hospital (lobby)
0730-1000	Body fat measurement	Flight medicine
0730-1100	Immunizations	Base hospital, 1st floor
0730-1100	Eyeglass inserts	Bldg. 4845 (by hospital)
0745	Firearms training	Firing range
0800	Routine physical exam	Base hospital, 2nd floor
0800	Chem Warfare Refresher	Hangar 7
0900	Anti-terrorism training	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0900	FOD meeting	Bldg. 6825, Rm. 243
0930	Family readiness briefing	Bldg. 4713, Rm. 17
1000	Training Managers meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 123B
1000	Unit deployment managers	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1000	First sergeants' meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
1100	Wing Family Day	Cullen Park

Sunday		
0630-0700	Sign in	Assigned Unit
0730	Information Management Training	Bldg. 4238, STARBASE
0730	Human Relations	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0730-1430	Immunizations	Base hospital
0745	Firearms training	Firing range
0800-1000	Dental Class 3 profile reviews	Base dental clinic
0800-1300	Eyeglass inserts	Bldg. 4845 (by hospital)
0800	Initial Warfare (appointment only)	Bldg. 4713, Rm. 329
0800	Chem Warfare Refresher	Hangar 7
0800	Career advisor training	Bldg. 6815, T-Net
0830	Substance Abuse	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0900	Catholic Mass	Base Chapel 2
0945	EO First Duty Station Part 1	Bldg. 4714, 3rd Floor
1000-1030	Protestant services	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1030	Family readiness briefing	Bldg. 4713, Rm. 17
1230	EOC testing	Bldg. 4314, 3rd floor
1300	Unit Safety Rep meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
1300	EO First Duty Station Part 2	Bldg. 4714, 3rd Floor
1300	Flightline drivers refresher	Bldg. 6825, Rm. 243
1400	SORTS meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
1500	717 AMXS commander's call	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1530	47 FS commander's call	47 FS auditorium

1550-1610 Sign-out 1550--MXG 1600--MXS 1610--CES, MSS, WG

Know anyone who is looking for a recruiter?

Barksdale AFB, La.

Master Sgt. Joe Menna
Master Sgt. Don Copeland
Tech. Sgt. Gary Johnson
1-800-241-4071

Monroe, La.

318-323-1898

Texarkana, Texas

Tech. Sgt. Mathew Lucas, 903-223-7030

Shreveport, La.

Master Sgt. Ellen Shaheed
318-683-0331

Little Rock AFB, Ark.

Tech. Sgt. TeNeuss Land
501-987-7188

Mesquite/Tyler, Texas

Tech. Sgt. Clark Fitzpatrick
972-681-6384/903-534-8618

SERVICES

Military Personnel Flight

Bldg. 6803, Room 140, 456-9205

Saturday

7 - 11 a.m. Newcomers in-processing
11 a.m. - 4 p.m. All customer service functions

Sunday

8 a.m. - 2 p.m. All customer service functions

Monday - Friday

7 a.m. - 4 p.m. All services

NOTE: Customer Service functions include in/out processing, ID cards, DEERS, DD93s, SGLI, vehicle decals, record reviews, etc.

Base Billeting

Bldg. 5155, 456-3091/3092

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week
(reservations required)

Lodging

For information on official or space "A" lodging call 1-888-AF-LODGE. Key in the first three letters of the base you are trying to reach.

Chaplain

Bldg. 6803, Room 229, 456-9179

Friday - Sunday 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Willis (985) 517-0955

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Eubanks (479) 841-4641

Chaplain (Capt.) DeVaul (713) 502-1124

Red River Dining Hall

Bldg. 4631

Breakfast 5:30 - 6:30 a.m.

Lunch 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

NOTE: You must show ID card, newcomer's letter or DD form 1172.

Family Readiness

Bldg. 4713

Saturday & Sunday 8-11 a.m.

Military drivers license

Military drivers license issue is available on the main UTA in Bldg. 6825, Rm. 240. Issue hours:
Saturday & Sunday, noon - 2 p.m.

Military Pay

Saturday and Sunday (main UTA) 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Gov. Travel Card Service

Bldg. 6803, Room 203, 456-9546

Monday - Friday, Main UTA 6 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Military clothing issue

Bldg. 6825, Room 218, 456-7177

Wednesday 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Saturday (Main UTA) 1-3 p.m.

Testing schedule

CDC/PME

Wed., 9 a.m., 1 p.m., Bldg. 6803, Rm. 123B

Sun., (Main UTA) 9 a.m. ONLY, Bldg. 6803, Rm.

123B - Course 00005A/00012G

Sun., (Main UTA) 12:30 p.m., Bldg. 4314, Rm. 309

Sun., (Alt. UTA) 1 p.m., Bldg. 6803, Rm. 123B

DANTES/CLEP

Thurs., 9 a.m., 1 p.m., Bldg. 6803, Rm. 152

Sun., (Main UTA) 12:30 p.m., Bldg. 4314, Rm. 309

AFOQT/AFCT

Sunday of UTA on a quarterly basis as scheduled
Call Wing Education and Training at 456-7496/
8066/7506 for times or scheduling requirements.

Gas Mask Issue

Saturday (main UTA) 7-9 a.m., Bldg. 6822



PHOTOS BY MASTER SGT. JESSICA D'AURIZIO

Above: Chief Master Sgt. Bill Morgan, 917th Maintenance Squadron munitions flight chief, holds the American flag presented to him during his retirement ceremony held at the bomb dump on May 18. **Right:** Members of the 917th Munitions Flight stand in formation during the ceremony.



COURTESY PHOTO

Wind Corrected Munition Dispensers on a bomb trailer

Chief retires after 39 years of service



917th Wing Family Day
Saturday, June 7
Cullen Park
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Contact your first sergeant or stop by the Public Affairs Office (Wing Headquarters Bldg., Rm. 212) to purchase your ticket. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Rosita Babb at 456-5109.

UTA Schedule

Main	Alternate
June 7-8	June 21-22
July 12-13	July 19-20
Aug. 2-3	Aug. 16-17
Sept. 6-7	Sept. 13-14
Oct. 4-5	Oct. 18-19
Nov. 1-2	Nov. 15-16
Dec. 6-7	No alternate
2004	2004
Jan. 10-11	Jan. 24-25
Feb. 7-8	Feb. 21-22
March 6-7	March 20-21
April 3-4	April 17-18
May 1-2	May 15-16
June 5-6	June 12-13
July 10-11	July 17-18
Aug. 7-8	Aug. 21-22
Sept. 11-12	Sept. 18-19
Oct. 2-3	Oct. 16-17
Nov. 6-7	Nov. 20-21
Dec. 4-5	No alternate

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